

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**OF** 

## The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Worthing Corporate Centre on Wednesday the 19th day of May, 2021, at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

#### **PRESENT**

His Honour Senator R. R. Farley, B.Sc., C.P.A., C.M.A., J.P. (*President*) His Honour Senator R. N. Greenidge, LL.B. (*Deputy President*)

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), J.P. (Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade) (Leader of the Senate)

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (Minister of Innovation, Science and Smart Technology)

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, B.Sc., M.Sc. (Minister of Tourism and International Transport)

Senator Dr. R. O. Springer, Ph.D. (Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training)

Senator R. W. Grant, J.P., B.A. (Econ.), LL.B., PG Dip. MA

Senator Dr. L. P. Holder, M.B.A., M.Sc., M.Th., D.Th.

Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes, M.B.B.S.

Senator D. R. Sands, LL.B. (Hons.)

Senator R. J. H. Adams, B.Sc. (Econ.), M.Sc. (Political Sociology)

Senator C. A. Franklyn, J.P.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes, B.Sc. (Econ. & Mgmt), M.Phil Econ.

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse, F.C.A., F.C.C.A.

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard, M.B.B.S., F.R.C.S. (ENT)

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), M.B.A.

Senator Rev. Dr. J. A. Rogers, B.Sc., B.A. (Hons.), M.Phil., Ph.D.

Senator K. J. Boyce, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C.

Senator Miss A. M. Wiggins, J.P., B.Sc.

Senator J. A. Hunte, B.Sc., B.A.

**ABSENT** 

Senator Miss L. C. Moe.

Mr. President took the Chair at 11.14 a.m.

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Wayne Kirton.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of an excuse for absence from Senator Miss L. C. Moe and excuses for lateness from Senators R. W. Grant and D. R. Sands.

#### **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, 24th March, 2021 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney.

#### PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney by command laid the following:

- Loan Contract No. 5205/OC-BA between the Government of Barbados and the Inter-American Development Bank - Global Credit Programme for Safeguarding the Productive Sectors and Employment.
- Proceeds and Instrumentalities of Crime (Value of Seizable Listed Assets) Order, 2021. 2.
- Barbados Economic and Social Report 2018. 3.

#### MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney Standing Order 45(2) was suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the following Bills were read a first time:

- Liquor Licences Bill, 2021; and
- 2. Temporary Right to Severance Payment for Lay-Off or Short Time (Procedure for Settlement of Claims) Bill, 2021.

#### **PUBLIC BUSINESS**

#### **ORDER NO. 1**

#### **LIQUOR LICENCES BILL, 2021**

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to modernize the system for the issuing of liquor licences, to regulate the sale and supply of alcohol, to repeal the Liquor Licences Act, Cap. 182 and provide for related matters, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, that the Bill be read a second time.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes began to speak.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes resumed her speech.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes concluded her speech.

His Honour Senator R. N. Greenidge spoke.

Senator C. A. Franklyn spoke.

Senator Dr. R. O. Springer began to speak.

Senator C. A. Franklyn spoke on a point of order.

Senator Dr. R. O. Springer concluded his speech.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Sitting was suspended to 3.00 p.m.

At 1.50 p.m. Mr. President suspended the Sitting.

#### RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

#### **ORDER NO. 1 (resumed)**

Senator Dr. L. P. Holder spoke.

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse spoke.

Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes spoke.

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke.

Senator Rev. Dr. J. A. Rogers spoke.

Senator R. W. Grant spoke.

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney began her response.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes spoke on a point of elucidation.

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney concluded her reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, His Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 49 were called in part and the Schedule and on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney were passed.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Chairman of Committees reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to the President who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Sitting was suspended until 5.30 p.m. At 5.15 p.m. Mr. President suspended the Sitting.

#### RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

#### **ORDER NO. 2**

# TEMPORARY RIGHT TO SEVERANCE PAYMENT FOR LAY-OFF OR SHORT TIME (PROCEDURE FOR SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS) BILL, 2021

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide the procedure for investigating and settling claims made pursuant to the provisions of the Severance Payment (Amendment) Act, 2020 (Act 2020-15) which was enacted in consequence of the public health emergency declared by the Proclamation given by the Governor-General on the 28th day of March, 2020,

the Hon. Member spoke and moved, that the Bill be read a second time.

Senator C. A. Franklyn began to speak.

Senator Dr. L. P. Holder spoke on a point of order.

Senator C. A. Franklyn concluded his speech.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt began to speak.

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott spoke on a point of order.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt concluded her speech.

Senator R. W. Grant spoke.

Senator J. A. Hunte spoke.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time the Senate dividing as follows:

Ayes: Senators the Honourables Mr. J. X. Walcott, Miss K. S. McConney, Ms. L. R. Cummins, Senators Dr. R. O. Springer, Dr. L. P. Holder, D. R. Sands, R. W. Grant, Dr. C. K. M. Haynes, R. J. H. Adams, His Honour R. N. Greenidge and Miss A. M. Wiggins.

*Noes:* Senators C. A. Franklyn, Miss C. N. Drakes, Rev. Dr. J. A. Rogers, Mr. C. A. Maynard, Ms. M. C. Taitt and J. A. Hunte.

Abstentions: Senators the Hon. L. E. Nurse and K. J. Boyce.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, His Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clause 1 was called.

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott moved the passing thereof.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

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Mr. Chairman spoke.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes spoke.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott spoke.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Senator C. A. Franklyn began to speak.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Senator C. A. Franklyn concluded his speech.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

Clause 1 was passed.

Clause 2 was called.

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott moved the passing thereof.

Senator C. A. Franklyn spoke.

Clause 2 was passed.

Clause 3 was called and passed on the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott.

Clause 4 was called.

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott moved the passing thereof.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

Clause 4 was passed the Senate dividing as follows:

Ayes: Senators the Honourables Mr. J. X. Walcott, Miss K. S. McConney, Ms. L. R. Cummins, Senators Dr. R. O. Springer, Dr. L. P. Holder, R. J. H. Adams, Dr. C. K. M. Haynes, R. W. Grant, D. R. Sands and Miss A. M. Wiggins.

Noes: Senators C. A. Franklyn and Miss C. N. Drakes.

Abstentions: Senators Rev. Dr. J. A. Rogers, J. A. Hunte, the Hon. L. E. Nurse, K. J. Boyce, Mr. C. A. Maynard, and Ms. M. C. Taitt.

Senator K. J. Boyce moved seconded by Senator Miss C. N. Drakes a new and additional Clause 5.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke.

The motion was put.

Senator C. A. Franklyn spoke.

The motion was not passed.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Chairman of Committees reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to the President who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Senate was adjourned *sine die*. At 8.58 p.m. Mr. President adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, Q.C. Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the , 2021.

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President.

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